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## 02/15/2012 Minutes

Approved  
 VISION 2020 ENVIRONMENT TASK GROUP  
 SUSTAINABLE ARLINGTON  
 February 15, 2012 MEETING  
 Town Hall Annex, Second Floor Conference Room

In attendance: Brucie Moulton, Scott Samenfeld, Dave Haas, Laura Notman, Amy Currul, Ryan Katofsky, Michael Wolfson, Glenn Koenig, David Landskov, Charlotte Milan (reporting)

Next Meetings: Wed. April 18, Wed. May 16, Wed. June 18

- Minutes approved
- Amy Currul: SAVE Club, 35-40 members show up weekly, have a project each year.
  - o Present to freshmen classes re: water and water bottles
  - o This year painting a mural in the math hallway
  - o Recycling is in every classroom, students cover 2-5 floor, Nigel covers 1st floor offices, pick up happens for ☐ hour after school on Fridays, Separation is pretty good b/c teachers separate in the classroom which encourages bottles and cans as well, always locate right next to the door
  - o Next step is to start composting program: DEP Green Team application
- Ryan updated on Energy Working Group- receptive to including students in the group
- PV RFP process for Town is moving along
- Solarize MA Phase 2 has been announced: 10 communities will be chosen; IF Arlington applies there will be some sweat equity required from volunteer groups; due March 31, 2012.
- Green Communities grant coming out - Town will apply, we finished spending our first round so we are eligible
- Energy Manager position will be included in TM presentation
- Finance Committee supported rotating account for EE projects
- GHG tracking system may be tried at new Thompson building
- Upton partners meeting with us next month; some drawings/plans may be available before the meeting
- David: Rep. Will Brownsberger presented at the State House on hydrology of the Belmont Uplands, fundraising netted \$6000. Summary: The more permeable surface you have the better off you are. No more that 5% impermeable, no fish loss. Flooding: more impermeable generates more water. Trees are a vertical column of water, does not raise water table. Therefore the development is making little decisions are not individually significant, but taken together create huge problems.
  - Building Energy 12 (NESEA) conference March 6-8pm
  - Silver Maple Forest – guided walks monthly
  - Dirt: The Movie- Friday, March 23, 7pm or Saturday, March 24 in the afternoon, show it twice.
  - Cate Maas- speaking April 11, energy savings at Chelsea food distribution center
  - Frances Moore Lappe speaking on March 31, 7pm